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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: MALONEY, Kenneth et al.

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EXAMINER: SOTELO, Jesús D.

FOR: "Hybrid Catamaran Air Cushion Ship"

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: A02203US (98238.6)

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**RESPONSE**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2004. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action, making a response due by September 28, 2004.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are shown in strikeout):